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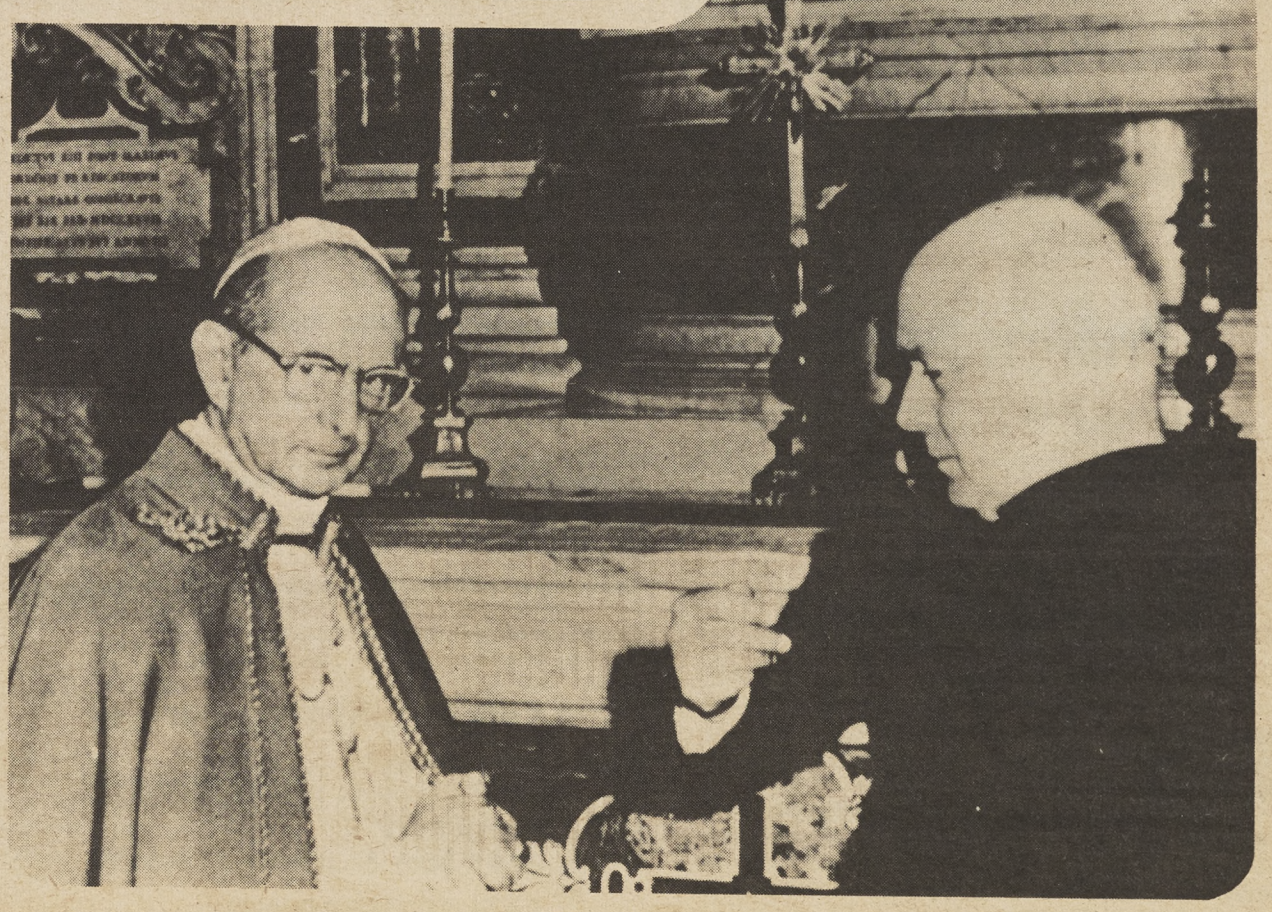
St. Peter's vandalism

Hammer-wielding 'Christ' smashes the Pieta





CHURCH SADDENED — Damage to Michelangelo's Pieta is evident in left photo after a man horrified hundreds in St. Peter's Basilica by smashing the statue with a hammer. Below, Pope Paul has an angry expression as he turns away after inspecting damage to the priceless work of art. Completed in 1499, it is the only sculpture signed by Michelangelo. Pieta left Rome only once, when it was displayed at New York's World's Fair in 1964. At that time it was insured for $10 million. The Pieta is a slightly larger than life statue occupying a special platform in the basilica. It weighs more than 3 tons. — RNS photos



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VATICAN CITY — A bearded, long-haired man claiming "I am Christ" smashed a 12-pound hammer against Michelangelo's priceless Pieta statue in St. Peter's Basilica Sunday.

The blows knocked off the Madonna's nose, smashed the left eye, chipped the left side of the face and finally completely wrecked the left forearm.

Immediately after his weekly blessing to the crowd in St. Peter's Square, a saddened Pope Paul entered the basilica to pray before the damaged famous image of the Virgin cradling the dead Jesus in her lap after the crucifixion.

VATICAN POLICE identified the attacker as Laszlo Toth, 33, born in Hungary but living in Sydney, Australia, until recently when he came to Rome. Toth, a geologist, was quoted as shouting, "I am Christ, I am Michelangelo. I have reached the age of Christ and now I can die."

Toth also exclaimed, according to police, "Today is my 33rd birthday, the age when Christ died. For that reason I smashed Pieta today. I did it because the mother of God does not exist."

The image of Jesus was not damaged. The Pontifical Commission on Monuments and Art announced restoration would begin as soon as possible.

Around the diocese

Bishop Leo T. Maher

Thursday, May 25, 5:30 p.m., Vista, St. Francis church, Mass, Confirmation.

Saturday, May 27, 3 p.m., University of San Diego Law School, Greek Theater.

Saturday May 27, 7 p.m., Chula Vista, St. Rose of Lima, Ordination to the Priesthood, Rev. Gerard O'Donnell.

Sunday, May 28, 3 p.m., Civic Theater, University of San Diego Commencement.

Monday, May 29, 10 a.m., Yucaipa, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Mass, Confirmation.

Monday, May 29, 5:30 p.m., San Bernardino, Our Lady of Fatima, Confirmation, Benediction.

Tuesday, May 30, 5:30 p.m. San Bernardino, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass, Confirmation.

Wednesday, May 31, 5:30 p.m., Ontario, St. George, Mass, Confirmation.

Thursday, June 1, 6 p.m., Calexico, Mass, graduation exercises, Vincent Memorial High School.

Father Roger A. Lechner
Vice chancellor—secretary

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Confederacion Guadalupana of San Diego sponsors ball 9 p. m. Saturday, May 27, U. S. Grant Hotel, benefit two seminarians from Mexico at St. Francis Seminary, Alcala Park.

St. Joseph's Archconfraternity of the Blessed Sacrament holds card party noon Saturday, June 10, Cathedral Club.

St. Catherine Laboure Altar Society, Clairemont, presents style show 1 p.m. Saturday, June 3, CYO building. Benefits church building fund.

Catholic Daughters of America hold new members' reception 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, Hotel del Coronado.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parent-Teachers Group sponsors beef barbecue and bazaar June 10-11, parish grounds, Lakeside.

Our Lady of the Lake Fatima Guild announces first annual fiesta noon-7 p.m. Sunday, July 2, parish grounds, Lake Arrowhead, benefit parish hall building fund.

Hemet area **Right to Life League** sponsored anti-abortion education program at U.S. National Bank community room, Hemet.

Holy Name Society Men's Club, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart church, holds spaghetti dinner 4-8 p.m. Saturday, May 27, parish hall, San Diego. Benefits Rosary and St. Augustine high school scholarships.

Young Ladies' Institute district committee meeting 8 tonight, May 25, grand director's home, Dolores McLaine, 1174 Coral St., El Cajon.

St. Mark's parish, San Marcos, holds annual fiesta Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21 churchgrounds, 1147 W. Discovery St. Public invited.

St. Jude's parish, San Diego, holds international festival, with dishes from various parts of world, noon-9 p.m. May 27-28, church grounds.

St. Rita's parish holds bazaar Saturday and Sunday, June 3-4, to benefit school, Euclid and Churchward Ave., San Diego.



CANDLE KISSES — Brother Tiberius Beckers, SVD, 84, is retiring after making candles for 25 years for the Society of the Divine Word in Techny, Ill. Here, he gives one of his candles to Lufthansa stewardess Suzanne Sisco and is rewarded with a buss on the cheek. He flew from Chicago to his native Germany where he will live with his relatives in Gondershausen, West Germany. — RNS photo

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Workshop on fighting venereal diseases 7-10 p.m. Monday, June 5, **St. Joseph's Cathedral** auditorium, sponsored by San Diego County Ecumenical Conference. Parents and youths welcome.

Lay Apostles of the Sacred Heart held seminar on promoting devotion to Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Guadalupe parish, San Bernardino with Msgr. Rudolph Galindo, pastor, host, and Father Peter Luque of San Salvador, Colton, main speaker.

Young Workers' Movement, affiliated with **Cardijn Center**, sponsors pancake breakfast 9 a.m. Sunday, May 28, Gregory Hall, Old Town.

San Diego Oratorio Choir presents Haydn's Mass in D Minor (Lord Nelson Mass) 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, **Mission San Diego de Alcala.**

CCD news

Continuing Christian Development

IT'S THAT TIME:

Formal CCD classes throughout the diocese are bringing their year to an end through the greatest celebration of thanksgiving, the Mass.

It is our time to send warm thanks to the many behind the scenes and in the forefront of their parish religious education program. They include teachers, secretaries, principals, priest-directors, parish coordinators and all those who have no special "title" but without whose effort and support the program is not complete.

We extend special thanks and bid farewell to Sister Alice Craig, OP, who for 10 years has served as elementary, junior high and special education supervisor, as well as preschool consultant.

Sister has touched the lives of many through her caring, steady and untiring efforts in the field of religious education. Sister Alice will begin full-time work in special education at the Madeleine Sophie school in El Cajon.

A fond farewell and much gratitude is extended to Mrs. Theckla Kleier who will be retiring at the end of this month. Mrs. Kleier has served for 12 years as secretary and bookkeeper for the CCD office. Her effort, interest and service on behalf of religious education are gratefully appreciated.

Father Denis Ryan
Director of Religious Education, and staff



HOPE IS MANY THINGS...

THE HOLY FATHER'S MISSION AID TO THE ORIENTAL CHURCH

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL OUR READERS

Dear Friend:

There are a million-and-a-half refugees in the Holy Land, each one the voiceless victim of a war now in its 23rd year.

Mostly children, they are refugees torn to shreds by war.

We mend them best by giving them hope.

Hope is a pair of shoes, an egg, a clean blanket, a chance to receive the sacraments.

Hope is a handful of practical-action people—priests, Sisters, and qualified volunteers—who leave their own homes and become refugees in the Holy Land for the refugees.

These people, just a handful, are our Pontifical Mission for Palestine.

They are people who feed, teach, heal, clothe, mend, fulfilling the love-mission of Jesus Christ, in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cairo, Damascus, and war points in between.

Their mission is love, and peace with justice.

Their strategy is service—the works of mercy, person-to-person, in the name of Jesus Christ.

There is hope in the heart of the blind child in the Gaza Strip because he is learning a trade in the Pontifical Mission Center for the Blind.

In Abu-Dis, outside Jerusalem, an elderly Muslim prays contentedly to Allah because Sister Patrick, from Ireland, is at his side.

Six Sisters from India — a physician, two nurses, three social workers—have arrived in war-torn Jordan, to work in the camps and live no better than the refugees.

You give them hope because you care.

We ask your prayers, for peace and for the safety of us all.

We beg you to help us keep hope alive. Please use the coupon below. I'll be writing to thank you for your gift.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Monsignor Nolan

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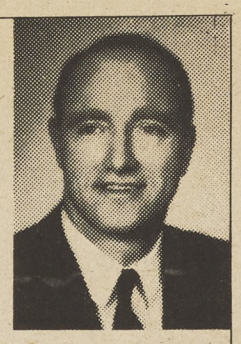
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POPE AND FRIEND — "It crowned my 45th anniversary in the priesthood," says Father John S. Mix, CR, of his recent meeting with Pope Paul at the Vatican. The Fontana priest, retiring as associate pastor of St. Joseph's parish, said his audience with the Pope "was a glorious end to my visit to Rome." Father Mix reported the applause for the Pope "was tremendous and ceased only when the Holy Father began his addresses in four languages." Later the Pope met with Father Mix and other pilgrims in the first row of the vast hall. Next to him were Mr. and Mrs. James E. Spain, Jr., of San Bernardino, brother of Msgr. William Spain, pastor of St. James Church, Solana Beach.

Priests' Senate discusses 'team ministry,' radio spots

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REDLANDS — New ideas on parish ministry were discussed at the Priests' Senate meeting at El Carmelo retreat center here Thursday.

Father Neal Dolan, diocesan vocations director, reported that alternative forms of ministry to the traditional forms of parish area and staffing are being considered in many dioceses. He is chairman of the senate committee to study "team ministry."

"This is not to suggest that parish structures are wrong," he said. "But since Vatican II it has been suggested that there may be alternatives which change the traditional authority, area and responsibility we have today."

THE REPORT accepted by the senate, is to be presented to deaneries of priests.

The senate also accepted a presentation by Father John Mulhall, director, Paulist communications service, for providing religious and philosophical spots and programs on the 79 radio stations in the diocese.

These would be provided for a total fee of about $8,000 a year which the senate considered could be found from excess diocesan funds from Stewardship '72.

THE RESIGNATION of Father Ray Moore (Encinitas) from his position on the senate and from chairmanship of the Materialities Committee and as NFPC alternate was reported by Father Donald Kulleck, president.

No immediate successor was appointed for the committee vacancy. Father William Mooney accepted the NFPC responsibility.

On a late report from the Justice and Peace Committee, the senate debated the question of scholarship funds for Mexican-Americans at the University of San Diego.

ON A SPLIT vote it was agreed to recommend that $20,000 be made available from Stewardship '72 funds for these students at all colleges in the diocese, with special consideration for those at USD.

A second resolution that all priests be asked to give $10 to provide more funds for similar scholarships was tabled.

In the debate several senators indicated that these two demands were being debated without what they regarded as sufficient information on the overall picture of all students, minority or otherwise.

Annual fiesta funds help Pala school expansion

PALA — The Pala Mission school has added two new classrooms, a full-time teaching Sister and two part-time lay teachers to its staff.

"This has made it possible to put each grade in separate rooms with its own teacher," reports Father Gino J. Doniney, FSCJ, pastor of Mission San Antonio de Pala.

He noted the additions were made possible by the mission's annual Corpus Christi fiesta, one of only two major efforts to support the school.

STAFFED BY the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, the school enrolls about 165 Indian and other children from Pala, Pauma Valley, Rincon Springs, Valley Center, Fallbrook and Temecula.

This year's Corpus Christi fiesta takes place Sunday, June 4, beginning with a 9:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass in front of the mission's famed bell tower.

The Mass will be followed by a colorful procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the Pala village, with Indians on horseback leading the march.

THROUGHOUT the day there will be free entertainment by the Arizona Indian Dancers, La Paloma Dancers from Los Angeles and children from the Pala school.

There will be a deep pit barbecue, Spanish, Mexican and American food, games and various booths.

Unlike other mission chapels, completely rebuilt, Pala is the only original church still serving Indians. The other major school support comes from the sale of Christmas cards designed by the children.

PALA MISSION is located 45 miles north of San Diego and is reached by going north on Interstate 5 to Oceanside, then northeast on Route 76 to Pala.

Retreat of the Christian Community

Sharing, praying, learning, celebrating together

Southern Cross Reporter

SAN LUIS REY — One way to live Christianity instead of just talking about it is to live a Retreat of the Christian Community.

Says Father Ralph Weishaar, OFM, of Mission San Luis Rey, "The retreat is a call to community. It is a summons to live the prayer of Jesus: 'May they all be one.'"

Father Weishaar, who has made three Christian community retreats in 10 years, describes them as "a great experience."

"**SUCH A** retreat," he says, "provides not only solid teaching on the meaning of the basic law of love in the Christian community, but it also provides a living experience of community.

"The retreatants are a cross-section of the Church — priests, religious and lay people — sharing, praying, talking, learning, relaxing and celebrating together."

A Christian community retreat will take place at Mission San Luis Rey Sunday, June 11, to Saturday, June 17.

THIS RETREAT, Father Weishaar points out, "will be the only such open retreat in California during 1972, to the best of my knowledge."

Father Bernard F. Cassidy, SJ, associate pastor of Christ the King church, San Diego, who participated in a community retreat at the mission last year, says it was "one of the deepest prayer experiences in which I have been involved."

"I was deeply impressed with the level of shared prayer — true Christian prayer — which came from this experience," the Jesuit said.

"**THE LENGTH** of the experience of community building makes possible a deeper awareness of God as present in the community and thereby intensifies the experience of quiet prayer."

The retreats were initiated by an international movement dedicated to making a better world through the Christian community. They are led by both religious and lay people.

The Movement for a Better World brings together the whole people of God — bishops, priests, religious and laity — to share in dialogue, prayer and other aspects of Christian living.

IT HELPS people understand their relationships with each other, with God and with the world. It is at the service of the Church and grows with the on-going needs of the Church.

Better world retreats show men how to live together in community as brothers in Christ and as part of the whole human race.

THOSE interested in the June retreat may contact Father Weishaar, Mission San Luis Rey, CA., 92068, or phone 757-3651.

CCD honorees log 500-plus years' service

MORE THAN 500 years of service in CCD work was commemorated Saturday when 47 CCD workers received medals for 10 or more years of service.

The awards ceremony and Mass in the Immaculata, Alcala Park, was presided over by Bishop Leo T. Maher, assisted by Father Denis Ryan, CCD director and priests from parishes.

IN ADDITION to awards for 10 or more years of service, 15 persons were awarded the theology diploma for completing 60 hours of teacher training and one year of teaching. (Photo page 10)

Ecumenical group endorses 11-day USD Hinduism seminar

A SEMINAR on Hinduism, sponsored by the University of San Diego's world religions center, has been endorsed by the San Diego County Ecumenical Conference.

The conference is working with the center and USD's religious studies department, in notifying clergy and laity about the seminar.

It will take place June 19-29 as an undergraduate credit or non-credit course. Two final days, June 27-28 will be open to all clergy and lay people to share in the last lectures, workshops and dialogues.

MSGR. JOHN R. Portman, chairman of the world religions center and religious studies department, said the seminar "will deal with the contemporary inroads which Eastern religions are making in American life.

"It will explain the historical antecedents of Hinduism to help us understand its present role as one of the major religions of mankind."

Guest lecturer will be Father Thomas Berry, internationally known Asian religions scholar. Dr. Delwin Schneider is resident professor and coordinator at the center.

SEMINAR registration and other details may be obtained from USD Ecumenical Center, Alcala Park, San Diego, 92110, phone 291-6480.

California CDA meets in Coronado

CORONADO — How to strengthen and expand service to the Church will be a major theme behind the 25th biennial convention of the Californian Catholic Daughters of America May 31-June 4 at Hotel del Coronado.

Mrs. Frank Rosiak of Lemon Grove, state regent, will preside when more than 400 delegates from the state's 140 CDA courts gather for the five-day conclave.

Hostess courts will be San Diego de Alcala, Sacred Heart of Coronado and St. Margaret of Chula Vista.

Choirs join voices for music fest

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CHOIRS FROM nine parishes participated in the diocesan music festival at Camino Hall Theater, USD, last Sunday.

Music ranged from Haydn to Ralph Vaughan Williams in the formal mode of older traditions to some contemporary folk-type music for the Mass.

Father Warren Rouse, OFM, executive secretary of the music commission, and Dr. Joseph Rossi, membership secretary, arranged and presented the choirs from all parts of the diocese.

A SPECIAL feature was the performance of Ralph Vaughan Williams **Mass in G minor** by the San Diego Symphonic Chorale, directed by David Glismann.

The chorale also sang during the Mass which followed the festival, while the combined choirs of the parishes sang the **Mass in C Minor** by Track for the concelebration under the baton of Sister Brenda Monteil, CPPS, of San Luis Rey Academy.



PEACE, FATHER — Newly ordained priest, Father Anton Sommer, embraces his father, Anton Paul Sommer, as the first of the large congregation to receive the new priest's prayer. Looking on is his mother, who, with her husband and daughter Sandra, traveled from Palm Springs Saturday to see their son ordained in St. Michael's church, Paradise Hills, where he had served as deacon the past year. Ordination was conducted by Bishop Leo T. Maher, assisted by the new St. Michael's pastor, Msgr. John Dickie, and the former pastor, Msgr. Sean Murray. New priest is assigned to St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove. — SC photo

A time to keep
by Michael Newman

The cross and the crucifix

There will be debate, I am sure, over the cross in San Francisco's cathedral for as long as it hangs there. Last week I mentioned that it is a cross, simple and slender, hanging above the altar so that you cannot see what holds it in mid air. It has no figure of Christ. Therefore it is a cross, not a crucifix, and I have heard that this caused some adverse reactions.



Wanted: a new home

It looks good in that cathedral, but elsewhere I am sure a full crucifix, with corpus, is what most of us like to see. If you know of anyone who wants a crucifix about 15 feet high, let me know. You may remember that the Italian Catholic Federation used the huge crucifix which once hung in the Immaculata for the altar at their national convention in San Diego last November.

They had "resurrected" the crucifix from storage in Holy Cross cemetery (suitable storage?). Now it is stored in a commercial warehouse, but I understand the commercial aspects are coming through and there is more than a hint that the warehouse would like to see it elsewhere.

So if you know of a church or organization which could use a graphic and large crucifix, let me know and I will tell Ed Riccio of the ICF who appears to be saddled with the problem.

Work of art or prayer?

Can a crucifix be both a work of art and a prayerful reminder? I suppose so. I thought about this when listening to a very beautiful homily by young Father James McGray in Holy Family church a few weeks ago. He said that if a crucifix is regarded as art we are not ashamed to put it in the lounge, almost as a conversation piece — as art.

"But if it is grim and real, we tend to put it in the bedroom, where nobody else can see it," he said, as though avoiding the real subject.

Where's your crucifix? That is, presuming you have one.

A question of quantity

Bob Vallera, whom I have known as fellow parishioner and as chairman of the diocesan education board is, I find, one of the statewide coordinators to fight against Proposition 9. Since my remarks here recently that "we are damned if we do and damned if we don't" vote for that proposition he has come to its attack. As you know, it is a very drastic way of attacking the pollution problem.

Bob Vallera says he cannot agree with me that we shall necessarily have trouble should it not pass. He pleads that "just for openers, 750,000 jobs would be wiped out under Proposition 9..." My only answer is what's the good of a job if you can't breathe the air.

However, he is particularly concerned to set me straight over the Wankel engine, which I said might have saved us a lot of this trouble had Detroit bothered to notice it 30 years ago. He sends me a clipping which reports the director of passenger car development of Daimler-Benz of West Germany, stating that "the Wankel engine presents the same emission control problems as conventional auto engines."

Since Daimler-Benz have a vested interest in diesel and regular engines I take that statement from whence it comes. But in any case, my only point is that if we did not have these enormous, over-powered gas-consuming engines on our highways our smog problem would automatically be reduced in volume.

I am not for Proposition 9. But I certainly feel only something very drastic is going to save our diocese from oblivion — literally — within a generation. And having just returned from the clear air of the Canadian Rockies I feel pretty strongly about it.

Protocol and Buddhist leader

The U.S. State department should really do a little California research. In their briefing papers for the visit to USD's center for world religions (see page 6) of Somdej Phra Vannarat, the Buddhist Holy Father, it was stated that a visit to a "Spanish mission run by the Jesuits" would be an interesting side trip.

Have they never heard of Father Serra and his fellow Franciscans? Anyway, a visit to San Luis Rey mission followed the USD call. No doubt history was put straight.

A matter of choice

Two of the most recent ordinations produced two aspects of the Church and finance, diverse, but related.

When he was ordained priest in Calexico recently, Father Gustavo Benson took a vow of poverty. As a diocesan priest he does not, of course, have to do this. Only those who join an order officially have this vow demanded of them. But it's an interesting sign of the times.

Then there was the amusing sidelight at the Saturday afternoon ordination of Father Bill Springer at Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon, when Bishop Maher announced unexpectedly, that the Mass would serve as the obligation for Sunday, for those attending. "So," he added, with some amusement, "the pastor may take up a collection." Msgr. Thomas Moloney, the pastor, wasn't prepared for this — but his ushers were.

Praise the Lord!

Have you noticed how many priests use a certain model of car known as the LTD? I asked one what it meant, and he thought it was the English version of Inc., or incorporated, meaning limited.

But there's a better version — unknown to the manufacturers I am sure. LTD stands for Laus tibi Christe, says one priest. So everytime he climbs into his car it is automatically a prayer of Praise to the Lord.

Editorial

Most urgent task

The appointment of the new superintendent of schools in this diocese — Dr. H. Giles Schmid — brings a new face and a new thrust to this aspect of our diocesan education program.

But let us not make the mistake of presuming that education in faith begins and ends with schools.

Education in our faith starts with our initiation at baptism and continues until the day we pass to our eternal reward. All our lives we have constantly to be aware of new knowledge, new insight into the truth.

From pre-school to adult, we need education in faith. Sad to say, one of our weakest spots today is adult education. This is not the fault of anyone in particular. But it is, rather, the fault of us all, for so glibly thinking we "know it all."

The bishop's task force of 25 members, representing all aspects of education, is now studying how best the diocese can redispose, if necessary, our education teams.

The work of the task force is important. But all of us in this diocese are utlimately responsible to see that we know what we are talking about when we talk on our faith. Most of us are pitiably bad at it.

La tarea mas urgente

El nombramiento del nuevo superintendente de escuelas en esta diócesis, Dr. H. Giles Schmid, da un rostro diferente y un renovado empuje a este aspecto de nuestro programa educacional diocesano.

Pero no cometamos el error de suponer que la educación en la fe comienza y termina con los años de escuela.

La educación de nuestra fe se inaugura en nosotros con la iniciación bautismal y continúa hasta el día en que pasamos al premio eterno. Toda la vida debemos constantemente ser concientes del saber que se renueva, de los últimos avances en el campo de la verdad.

Desde la pre-escuela hasta la edad adulta necesitamos educarnos en la fe. Es triste decirlo: uno de nuestros más débiles puntos es la educación de adultos. No por falta de ninguno en particular. Sino más bien por falla de todos nosotros, por aquella fácil creencia de que "todo lo sabemos."

El grupo consultor del obispo, de 25 miembros que representan todos los aspectos de la educación, está ahora estudiando cómo reorganizar mejor si es necesario, nuestros equipos educacionales.

El trabajo del grupo consultor es importante. Pero todos en la diócesis somos responsables en último término, de constatar que sabemos lo que decimos cuando hablamos a cerca de la fe. La mayor parte de nostros estamos lastimosamente mal en esto.

One minute Bible insight

Paul states that "all government comes from God." (Romans 13:1) But we are warned that governments can exceed their authority and lose their power: "When the Lord has completed all his work on Mount Zion ... he will punish what comes from the king of Assyria's boastful heart ... For he has said; 'By the strength of my own arm I have done this and by my own intelligence, for understanding is mine; I have pushed back the frontiers of peoples ...' " (Isaiah 0:12)

In fact, there is a final day appointed for every perverted authority: "The great things the horn was saying were still ringing in my ears, and as I watched, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and committed to the flames." (Daniel 7:11)

In Israel authority, which was more religious in nature was given so that God's people might become "a priestly people and a holy nation." (Exodus 19:6)

But the authority given to Christ was even different yet: "'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.'" (Mark 1:27) Besides, Christ had "authority on earth to forgive sins" (Matthew 9:6) and was "master even of the sabbath." (Mark 2:27)

Christ in turn shares his authority with the Church even "to the end of time:" "'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations ...' " (Matthew 28:18)

Yet, the use of this authority by the Church has been strongly conditioned: "Anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:43+) J.B.

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Decree on Church's Missionary Activity

Opinion Forum

Proud to be a 'witch hunter'

This letter is prompted by the answer to the person who wrote to "Answer Please" (SC May 11) asking why Father Berrigan was not defrocked, and why he is still allowed to wear a Roman collar.

I too, cannot understand this, for, as a convicted felon, he has lost his right to vote.

Father Rouse labeled the writer of the letter a "witch hunter." If such sentiments make one a "witch hunter," I am proud to join their ranks.

If you refuse to print this letter, there is always **The Wanderer.**

Mrs. W. W. Kelly
Indio

(Long live The Wanderer! — Ed)

Father Rouse is a 'ray of hope'

Father Rouse regretted that the question concerning Father Berrigan came in the mail. I, too, regret that such opinion exists, but I feel it does exist because so few priests speak out in defense of the activists in the Church.

His answer was like a ray of hope in this terrible, negative society. Maybe now our priests will include Father Berrigan in the general intercession at Sunday Mass.

When the Harrisburg trial was going on, my twelve-year-old daughter asked me why we didn't pray for the Berrigan brothers. I was hard put for an answer.

M.J.M.
Escondido

Berrigan, Peter, Paul not similar

I was affronted by Father Rouse's objection to a letter sent to "Answer Please."

It concerned a man who has given such a poor example of right and wrong to American youth, Father Berrigan.

There are more people who think as the questioner does, than as Father Rouse appears to think by insinuating this is a "witch hunt."

All it does, is show how intolerant Father Rouse is of opinions that happen to disagree with his.

And comparing Father Berrigan to Sts. Peter and Paul seems the height of irresponsible thinking.

Christ was not a revolutionary in the sense of destroying the law. He came to add to the law and the revolution he spoke of was within man's own nature.

Destroying materially what belongs to a republic of free people is an act of wanton destruction and a tearing down of law and order which man has labored to build up as a protection for all men.

I do not wish my full name used because of crank letters I have received over the years.

MSG
San Diego

Needs of priests in their retirement

Why don't we set up monasteries and hospitals where our priests, our servants of God, can finish out their last days in contemplation? What better way to finish out one's priestly career?

Those able-bodied enough could come out and assist in administering the priestly functions where the need is.

We have numerous monastic orders, nursing orders of brothers and sisters who could very well handle the needs of our very worthy servants of God.

Palm Springs, being the ideal resort area, why not turn it into God's playground to counteract the devil's playground? I've already started the word around for a big push towards this effort.

Anyone interested in advancing this idea can contact me at this address: c/o Assistant Librarian, St. Therese's Parish, 2800 E. Ramon Road, Palm Springs, Calif. 92262.

Peter D. O'Melia
Palm Springs

Animals explained at St. Kieran's

As a member of the committee which does the basic planning for the children's liturgy at St. Kieran's church, I would like to make some slight clarification and/or correction to the letter of Mrs. Jack Sullivan (SC May 11).

Misconceptions could be formed if the statements "...animals do not belong in Church, and most certainly not on the altar" and "... the sanctuary was off-limits to those not consecrated to God," were taken literally by your readers.

The young animals, symbols of new life which we share with the Risen Christ, were carried or led into church by their youthful owners.

Those not caged went right back out into the parking lot while the small caged animals were placed on the floor in the side aisles. This is a slight detail perhaps, but when searching for the truth...

In addition to the new animals, which caused concern to your reader, it should not be overlooked that while one child from each class brought a pet, all of the children brought to the celebration some symbol of new life: a flower or a plant, a drawing, or a montage of pictures of new life as seen through the eyes of a child.

Most touching and most beautiful was the infant brought to Mass — a most precious new life.

The first graders had found a cocoon which, of all the symbols, certainly portrayed most graphically what the committee hoped would be the meaning the children would find in the celebration: that through the Risen Christ and with him and in him our lives are all transformed into new life.

Sister Margaret McPeak, DW
San Diego

Remember animals at Christ's birth

Nowhere in scripture can I find the wrath of God being brought down on his lesser creatures, the animals.

Animals always have played an important role in man's life, whether as beasts of burden or as very loyal friends.

Let us not forget that Christ Himself chose to be born in a stable, and was laid in a manger. Most important of all was the fact that besides Mary and Joseph the only other earthly witnesses to the actual birth of Christ, were the animals.

Joann Semak
CCD teacher
St. Kieran's church

your page

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Satan Superskunk



Pregnancy is a sociological and economic as well as a medical hazard.

Dr. John H. Laragh
Professor of Clinical Medicine
Columbia University

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30 years ago . . .

From **The Southern Cross,** May 22, 1942 — Vatican gives priests privilege of granting a plenary indulgence at every Mass they celebrate at any altar from May 1942 to 1943.

— Pope Pius XII, in world radio broadcast, condemns war as "the most extensve, disastrous and bloody cataclysm of all history" and urges government leaders to build from war's moral ruins a world "which the bonds of brotherly love will weld in peace."

— President Franklin D. Roosevelt calls on Americans to support 1942 USO war fund campaign "cheerfully, generously and now."

— 204th Coast Artillery A. A. bivouacs in gardens behind residence of Bishop Charles F. Buddy in Mission Hills after bishop offered high area to U. S. government for defense purposes.

25 years ago . . .

From **The Southern Cross,** May 23, 1947 — Pope Pius XII canonizes St. Nicholas of Flue, the "Father of the Fatherland" to Catholics in Switzerland, who died in 1487 and was beatified in 1649.

— Harold E. Stassen, candidate for Republican presidential nomination, tells Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo., he opposes their stand against U. S. Supreme Court ruling upholding free bus service for nonpublic school children in New Jersey.

— Bishop Charles F. Buddy, in open letter to San Diego Board of Education, calls for immediate resignation of four board members who voted against continuation of released time program for public school pupils.

— Four American priests named bishops — Msgr. John J. Wright, Msgr. John P. Cody, Father James J. Byrne and Father Henry T. Klonowski.

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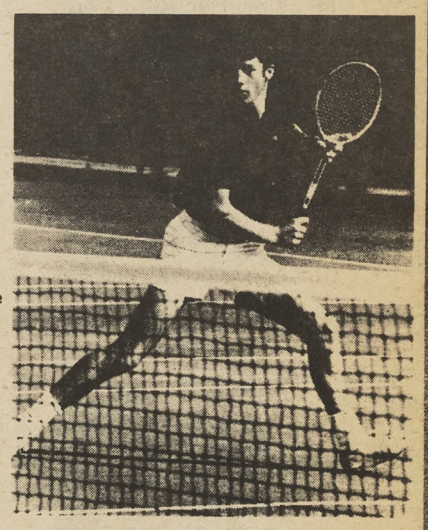
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Buddhist patriarch visits USD 'eligions center enroute to see Pope

By Michael Newman

HIS OFFICIAL title is ɔmdej Phra Vannarat, ıief abbot of the Wat Po Reclining Buddha). He ıme to the Ecumenical enter for World Religions the University of San iego last week at the start a tour of the United States. ɔmdej is a title like Holy ather.

His round-the-world trip ill take him to Rome where e will meet with Pope Paul I.

At USD his arrival was heralded by the sight of 20 or more Buddhist monks in their saffron yellow robes and shaven heads.

THE U.S. STATE Department had warned us that protocol does not allow the priest to shake hands, nor should the somdej be touched bodily, and must be seated on a chair — separate from others.

It was indeed a distinctive honor for the new ecumenical center under the direction of Msgr. John R. Portman and Dr. Delwin Schneider, expert in Asian religions, to receive this dignitary of world Buddhism — the first non-Christian religious leader to visit the center.

WE WERE EACH individually presented to him by name, so that questions, routed through an interpreter, also carried the full name and title of the questioners.

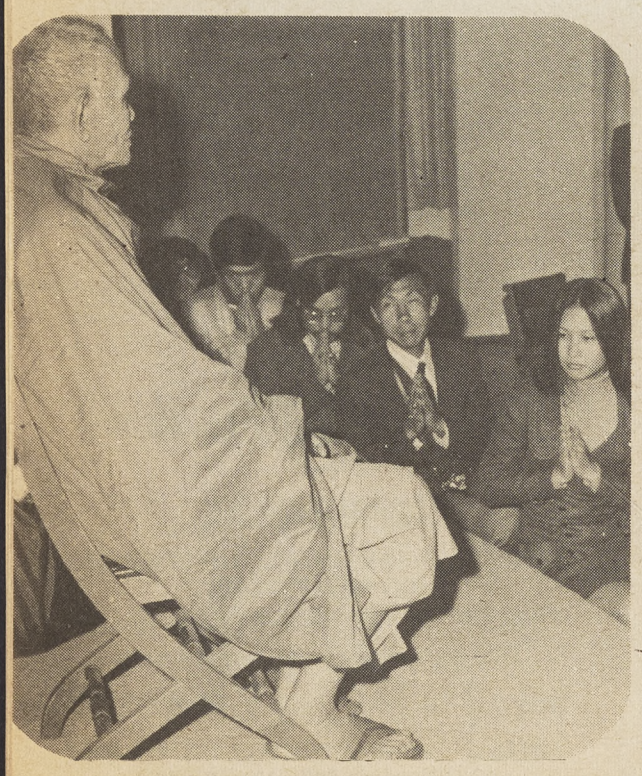
The 76-year-old chief abbot was gracious, his kindly eyes smiling acknowledgement of the 30 Thailand students from several colleges gathered to greet him. On their knees, they paid their individual respects, hands joined in prayerful respect to their holy father.

He will spend an official three-day visit at the Vatican as the guest of Pope Paul, where, he said he will discuss the hope of all world religious leaders — a world of peace and justice.

THIS GOAL, he said, will be the main topic of his audience with the Pope.

Somdej Phra Vannarat, supreme patriarch of Thailand, was briefed on the work of the world ecumenical center by Msgr. Portman and Dr. Schneider, and later praised the work in fostering better relations and knowledge of world religions.

OUR MEETING was over in half an hour. Pictures taken, the patriarch retired to the ecumenical center's library for further interchange with his followers.





DUE REVERENCE — Thailand students at USD and other San Diego area colleges and universities pay homage to their Buddhist holy father visiting the Alcala Park campus. In lower photo, Buddhist patriarch Phra Vannarat sits between Msgr. John R. Portman, left, and Dr. Delwin Schneider, both of USD's world religions center. — SC photos



PENSIVE PATRIARCH — Somdej Phra Vannarat, Buddhist supreme patriarch, reflects before replying to a question through interpreter. He is flanked by his hosts at USD, Dr. Delwin Schneider, coordinator of the Ecumenical Center for World Religions, left, and Msgr. John R. Portman, the center's chairman.

Unihi captures '72 CIF baseball crown

The University of San Diego Dons are the 1972 CIF baseball champs. They topped Point Loma high in the playoff 4-1 before 1,500 fans at San Diego State.

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BROWN, Donald Joseph. Husband of Mary Brown, father of Patricia Baxter, brother of Kitty A. Brown, also two grandchildren. Requiem Mass, May 18, St. John the Evangelist Church.
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BUSALACCHI, Giovanna. Mother of Pete and John Busalacchi, Frances Tarantino, Rosalie De Maria and Josephine Corrao, also 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Requiem Mass, May 15, Our Lady of the Rosary Church.
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Talking Point

Christ: divine but human, too, in all but sin

There has been considerable discussion in recent months over the "diminution" of the divinity of Christ. The Pope recently said that the doctrine of the Trinity in particular "has not been correctly interpreted and expressed by certain authors."

"And the Word was made flesh," says the Gospel. The Word became man. In this Talking Point several current views are expressed. These are not necessarily being endorsed by the *Southern Cross* but are printed simply as a 'talking point' which is heard on many sides today.

THE SYNOPTIC Gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke — record, with minor variations, an incident in the life of Jesus of Nazareth in which he puts the blunt question to his disciples:

"Who do people say I am?"

The question — some would say the challenge — has been repeated and repeated, with insistent beat, down through the nearly 2,000 years of Christian history.

AND THE ANSWERS — often conflicting, often confusing — have been coming in ever since Jesus put that question, and demanded of his followers the still more searching, more pointed question: "What about you? Who do **you** say I am?"

In the past century, it has been reported, some 60,000 books have offered a multiplicity of concepts about Jesus, a multiplicity that Father Frederick E. Crowe, SJ, professor of philosophy at Regis College in Willowdale, Ontario, says "testifies to the inexhaustible wealth of his person and his nature and his role in history."

In one of the latest books, **The Jesus Story**, journalist William Emerson, Jr. complains that in different centuries and cultures people have always concocted "the sort of Jesus they could live with."

DR. JOSEPH B. TYSON, chairman of the religion department at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, agrees. "Although the figure of Jesus has endured for 2,000 years," he said in an interview, "Christians and non-Christians in every age tend to see Jesus in terms of their own values."

So it is today, observes Father Eugene Maly, editorial chairman of the Catholic journal **The Bible Today**, and past president of the Biblical Association of America.

"The answer being given today with greater insistence than before is that (Jesus) was a man," says Father Maly in the March, 1972, issue of the **St. Anthony Messenger**, "a mysterious and misunderstood man, perhaps, but still a man, with all the cares and concerns, the anxieties and hesitations, the doubts and temptations of every man.

"REVOLUTIONARIES and social activists, humanitarians and cultural prophets all claim him as 'their man,' the model of their aims and their methods. He is the superstar in the great game of life, the reluctant hero in the struggle for human progress."

Even thinkers in the orthodox tradition that believe Jesus to be both "true God and true man" hold that the ongoing importance and significance of Jesus can be dealt with in a meaningful way only by seeing him first of all as someone who entered into and fully shared our human creaturehood.

Father Anthony T. Padavano, a professor of systematic theology at the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N.J., speaking at the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference convention in Chicago, last September, declared that the humanity of Jesus is "far more important" to Christians than his divinity.

"GOD DOESN'T REVEAL anything to us in the divinity of Christ," he said. "All revelation occurs, as the Gospel says, because 'The Word was made flesh.' We are not redeemed in the divinity of Christ. We are redeemed precisely in his humanity. This is the whole point of the Gospel message."

Father Padavano feels that past over-emphasis on the "divine nature" of Jesus Christ has "actually worked to destroy his humanity."

"There were a group of theologians in 17th century Spain," he explained, "who said that Jesus was the most intelligent man that ever lived, the best soldier, the best painter, the best sailor, the best linguist, and so on and so on, so that when the process was finished, you no longer dealt with a human being, but with the figment of someone's unrestrained imagination."

ON THE CONTRARY, declared the Catholic theologian, since Christ is truly man, "he could not know everything; he could not do everything. He had to operate at times as we do, with ignorance and with risk. He was, as the New Testament never ceases to tell us, a man — although we constantly seem to overlook this fact."



PLEASE, JESUS! — What does the child at prayer envision? What do we all envision when we say "please, Jesus?" — RNS photo

United Presbyterian theologian, Dr. Robert McAfee Brown, likewise underscores the importance of appreciating Jesus "as a flesh-and-blood creature like ourselves."

Writing in **The Christian Century** (Feb. 23, 1972), Dr. Brown, who teaches in Stanford University's special programs in the humanities, averred:

"THE JESUS WE MUST start with is a Jesus who really walked along dusty roads; who got hungry, tired and disillusioned.

"If we can start with this fact of the humanness of Jesus firmly established," said the Protestant theologian, "then we can go on to employ a variety of images that will illustrate the point and also carry us beyond it."

But to many people down the centuries, including the 19th century religious thinker. Soren Kierkegaard, called by some the "father" of modern existentialist thought, the stumbling block of Christianity is precisely the humanity of Christ.

IT WOULD BE SO MUCH easier to believe in Jesus if he were just God, Kierkegaard says, but to believe in another **man**, to see our salvation depending on another man, especially one who claimed to be the Son of God, and ended up hanging on a cross in a dump heap, is, he says, an "offense" to men.

But, the Danish thinker concludes, we must risk the "possibility" of being offended by Christ, if we are ever to take him seriously.

Unnumbered millions of Christians down the ages have faced the possibility and still have affirmed their belief in the doctrine enshrined in early Church councils that Jesus is "true God and true man." Beyond that basic affirmation, however, writers and painters of different cultures through the centuries have invariably given Christ different characterizations.

WHILE THE ARTISTIC and literary images of Christ varied, the basic theological view of Jesus as both God and man remained largely unchanged for 1,300 years. Then, as scholars point out, the empiricism of the 18th century Enlightenment began eroding belief in the supernatural.

In the 19th century, Albrecht Ritschl, a leader of liberal theology in Germany, totally rejected the divinity of Jesus, and historian Bruno Bauer denied that the human Jesus ever lived.

In the 20th century view of Rudolf Bultmann, German Protestant Biblical scholar at the University of Marburg, the "Christ of faith" returned, but the "Jesus of history" was inaccessible.

BUT THE PENDULUM is still swinging. A rather large wing of New Testament scholarship never accepted the more extreme conclusions of Dr. Bultmann's attempts to "demythologize" the New Testament.

According to Dr. Robert F. Berkey, associate professor at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., "New Testament scholarship .. seems to be experiencing a revival of interest in identifying the historical Jesus."

Meanwhile, as scholars pursue their investigations into the historicity of Jesus Christ, a growing number of young people in America, unconcerned about scholarly lucubrations, blare forth their own answer to Jesus' question, "Who do **you** say I am?"

TO THEM — AND TO millions of other Christians — "Jesus is Lord!" And, as a "wanted" poster that has appeared in an underground Christian newspaper warns in bold type:

"HE IS STILL AT LARGE!"

Religious News Service

Answer Please!

Question:

We are encouraged to pray to Mary, Mother of God, and the Saints. How can we possibly have prayers answered by dead people? Only Christ has immortality. I have checked the Scriptures, which refer to the immortality of Christ, but not Mary or the Saints.

Christ is immortal precisely because he **is** God. And while on earth he promised us eternal life (immortality) not as something due to us but as a gift.

This eternal life begins as soon as death takes place: it is then that our personal resurrection occurs, with the general resurrection at the end of the world.

Those who have gone before us, then, are already taking part in immortality. We do not know the exact way in which they hear our prayers.

That they **do** hear us, however, has been the constant Catholic tradition. The Council of Trent stated (but without formally defining the matter) that it is good and useful "to call the saints to our aid and to have recourse to their power and help, in order to obtain blessings from God through his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who alone is our savior and redeemer."

Question:

I know that a major difference in interpretation of Christ's words, "On this rock I will build my church," exists between the Catholic Church and major Protestant denominations. Just what is their interpretation as opposed to ours?

The historical debate has been over the question whether the Pope both has a "primacy of honor" (which many Protestants would concede) and a "primacy of jurisdiction" (which Catholics insist upon).

Both sides have appealed to their interpretation of St. Matthew's gospel, chapter 16.

Today, according to the Protestant scholar Gunther Bornkamm, "In the interpretation of the saying about Peter and the Church, Roman Catholic and Reformed theologians are much closer to each other than they were in former times. The 'Rock'... is Peter himself as leader of the Church."

With the "primacy of jurisdiction" we normally associate the term "infallibility."

A recent theological text offers this explanation of infallibility:

"As head of the infallible college of bishops, he (the Pope) possesses infallibility in a special measure. He is the beacon. This does not mean that he can proclaim dogmas apart from the Church. He can only declare what the Church universal believes...

"Since union with the Pope is the touchstone for belonging to the unity of the Church, an utterance of the Pope is certainly full of the truth of God's Spirit, at least when he affirms explicitly (which happens very rarely) that he is speaking infallibly and binding all Christians."

Father Warren Rouse, OFM

New Mexican - American San Diego center open

Southern Cross Reporter

THE DIOCESE'S new Mexican-American social center in Southeast San Diego was dedicated by Bishop Maher to the "idea that man is in his greatest in what he is, not in what he has."

The center, he said, will give Spanish-speaking people a chance to belong and contribute to the community, as well as strengthen the Church's person-to-person apostolate.

A visible sign of the Church's concern for Mexican-Americans, the center houses the diocesan ethnic affairs office, headed by Father John Hurtado, and the Mexican-American Commission, headed by Father Gilbert Chavez.

ITS SERVICES include leadership development programs, marriage, family and other personal counseling, and legal advice.

A bi-lingual staff will be available 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Located at 2277 National Ave., the center is named after Padre Dolores Hidalgo (1753-1811), known for his work among the poor and a leader of the first Mexican revolt for independence.

Catholic camps offer Christian summer fun

Southern Cross Reporter

DESCANSO – Summer camps in the diocese operated by religious groups have a welcome mat on their doorsteps.

They provide campers with recreational activities in a Christian environment and with Christian values.

Two of these vacation spots are Camp Oliver in Descanso, conducted by the Sisters of Social Service, and Divine Word Camp in Riverside, conducted by Divine Word priests and brothers.

ANOTHER is Camp Don Bosco at Arrowbear Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains conducted by the Salesians of St. John Bosco.

At least once a year camps hold open house to show parents and children what's in store for them when they come.

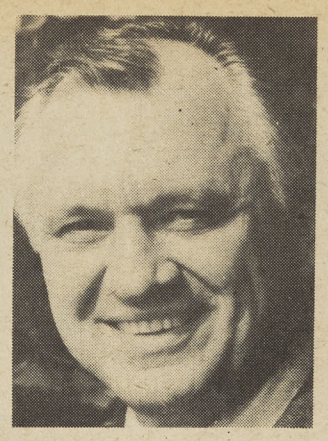
An open house will be held by Camp Oliver this Sunday, May 28. During the day the camp's new recreational lodge will be officially opened. The pool will be filled and inviting so bring bathing attire — and picnic lunch.

CAMPING sessions at Oliver are for boys 6 to 10, girls 8 to 13, teen girls 13 to 15 and for families.

Details of these sessions available from Camp Oliver office, 1702 Front St., San Diego, 92101.

Other camp brochures may be obtained from Divine Word Camp, 11316 Cypress Ave., Riverside, 92505, and Camp Don Bosco, 13640 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower, 90706.





TO ADDRESS USD GRADUATES — Dr. William D. McElroy, chancellor of UCSD, left, and Walter J. Hickel, former secretary of interior, are this year's University of San Diego commencement speakers. Dr. McElroy addresses the USD graduating class at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 28, in the Civic Theatre, San Diego. Hickel, former governor of Alaska, will speak at the School of Law commencement 3 p.m. Saturday, May 27, in the university's Greek Theatre.



U.S. CHAPLAIN — Father William H. Cornelison, principal of University high school since 1967, has been named national chaplain of the Catholic Boy Scout movement. Elected at the 22nd biennial conference of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting in New Orleans, Father Cornelison has been active in scouting for 20 years. He was ordained in 1963.



YOUNG PRIEST — The Rev. Mr. R. Gerard O'Donnell will be ordained to the priesthood at a 7 p.m. Mass Saturday, May 27, in St. Rose of Lima church, Chula Vista, his home parish. He will offer his first Mass 1:15 p.m. the following day, May 28, in St. Didacus church, San Diego, where he served as deacon for one year. Father O'Donnell will be associate pastor at Holy Family parish.

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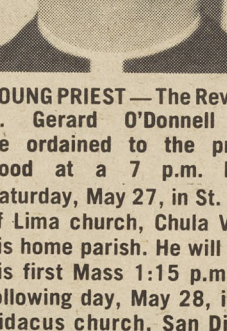
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The cemetery, which has a special veterans' section, is continuing its expansion and promotion of its pre-need programs.

DURING THE year Mass is offered for the deceased every Friday at 11 a.m. There is also an organ recital at Mass, as well as on Sunday 2 to 3 p.m.

The cemetery includes a Court of Christ the King, garden crypts on the ground's eastern slope. There are crypts for single entombments and companion crypts for husband and wife.

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As women will . . .
by Enid Lanyon

Celebration of life

AS WOMEN WILL, we were talking . . about birthdays and Pentecost and the celebration of living.

It is only recently that Pentecost has been commonly referred to as the "birthday" of the Church and for many the appellation has changed the whole concept of the feast.

No one beyond infancy really needs to have the implication of birthdays explained. Perhaps without ever enunciating the realization, each child of us knows that a birthday is an occasion of special personal significance and identity.

BUT IN THE CHILDISH immaturity of our early years, the most important factor is our reception and the quality of presents. "What did you get?" is the yardstick applied to our personal value.

When Johnny across the street is given a flashy new bicycle for his birthday and Davy receives books or educational games, it is only the exceptional Davy who will not feel disappointment and some anxiety.

Is it possible that Johnny is more loved? Or, much worse, could Davy have failed in some way and be considered less worthy of love? The child does not understand that each gift in its own way responds to a developmental need and expresses concern for his individual potential.

IT IS ONLY AFTER life has taught its many inevitable lessons that we come to the revelation that birthdays are a celebration, an affirmation of the fact of life and cards or gifts stand merely as the expression of another's joy in our living and individuality.

Happy Birthday! I am glad you were born! I am happy that you live! Be joyful, you have the gift of life!

We are very much children in our awareness of the birthday of the Church. What, we ask, does Pentecost "give" to us? We, the Church, the People of God? What do we "get?"

LIKE PARENTS patiently instructing, the teaching magisterium of the Church simplifies, "Well, Pentecost celebrates the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit in the visible Church and the reception of the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

But in the egocentricity of our spiritual childhood, we demand an enumeration of the gifts, and, picayune as ever, squabble over who has more and who less.

How does it happen that this one has all those talents and that one the gift of healing? Why should some speak in tongues and others prophesy? This one has so many more opportunities, and that one such wisdom! God must love them more than me!

IF I SEEM to have no spectacular gift at all, it can only be because I am unworthy and even God cannot love me. There is no end to the blasphemies we can think of!

Like the good Father he is, God offers us what is necessary for personal growth and development, not only on the birthday feast, but every day of every life.

Pentecost is the reminder that his spirit is with us always, the celebration of his joy in our existence, his happiness in our creation, his love for our being.

IT BECOMES effective only when we accept the expression of his love and care, when we praise and thank him for his gifts. And how churlish it is to reject gifts offered, how affronted we are when what we give is treated as of no value or pleasure!

Because essentially we are offering an expression of some part of ourselves. In Pentecost, God's offering is of his Holy Spirit, all the qualities of his being.

How slowly we come to see that this birthday — this Pentecost — is the great celebration of spiritual life and the gifts merely expressions of God's sustaining hope in us, his faith in our potential, indications of his continuing life in us.



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Sieto momentos capitales

Por el Padre Luis Bernal

Este es el quinto de una serie de articulos sobre la nueva teologia por el Padre Luis Bernal, Padre Salesiano profesor de dogma de la Universidad de Bogota, Colombia. El Padre Bernal reside en la Parroquia de Nuestra Senora del Monte Carmelo, en San Isidro.

PARA HOY prometimos referirnos al sacramento Iglesia (Vat. II) que extendida por todo el mundo está llena de la Vida de Cristo y del Espíritu; y hablar de su relación con los siete signos externos que tradicionalmente teníamos como únicos sacramentos.

Imaginemos una esfera de metal conductor que recibe carga elécrica, y en tal forma va acumulando energía, que si otro cuerpo la toca en un punto, allí salta la chispa.

Ese punto de contacto es como el foco o la Fuente donde estalla la plenitud de la fuerza para comunicarse.

PENSEMOS en la vid cuando está llenando de jugos el racimo: si con un alfiler pinchas la uva, en aquel foco o fuente abierta salta la plenitud de perfumado y dulcísimo néctar.

Y cuando los grandes estanques del agua que abastece la ciudad están repletos, si abres un grifo, por ese foco estalla el líquido presionado por la llenura rebosante de los recipientes.

De manera semejante acontece con el sacramento-Iglesia que como un gran corazón, está siempre lleno de la Sangre y la Vida de Cristo hasta una tal plenitud que, en determinado modo, esta Sangre y esta Vida hacen presión para salir y comunicarse a los hombres.

DICE CRISTO que no desea otra cosa sino que arda y se contagie el fuego de su amor.

Cuando la creatura humana empobrecida por las consecuencias de la culpa, debilitada, exangüe, necesitada de Dios, pone en contacto su sér con la plenitud del sacramento-Iglesia, salta de éste la Vida divina y se comunica al que la busca.

Las acciones, los lugares, las cosas, los momentos externos del contacto de los hombres con el sacramento original son especialmente siete en la historia de la persona humana y de la Comunidad de fe.

Y DAN ORIGEN a los siete signos externos que contienen y entregan la Vida divina, como siete focos o fuentes por donde salta y se dá la plenitud vigorosa que de su Vida, Dios pone en la Iglesia.

Recordemos los siete momentos capitales de la existencia humana personal y comunitaria.

El Bautismo en primer lugar: cuando nace el hombre, y en saliendo de las entrañas maternas de inmediato necesita, como decía Jesús a Nicodemo, "volver a nacer" de las entrañas del Espíritu para poder entrar en el Reino de los cielos.

ENTONCES sediento de Dios, se acera al Sacramento-Iglesia y la plenitud de la Vida divina estalla para comunicarse en el primero de los signos sacramentales: el bautismo.

El hombre verdadero y completo necesitaba en este momento capital de su vida, nacer no solo de la carne, sino en el agua y el Espíritu, y ha nacido.

Llega el sér humano al uso de la inteligencia y de la libertad.

QUIERE iluminarse y fortalecerse a fin de confirmar el compromiso de su bautismo: a fin de comprender mejor la verdad revelada por el Espíritu y tener la fortaleza indispensable para comunicarla a los demás y dar testimonio vivo de ella.

Se acerca a la plenitud de la Iglesia, y estalla ésta para darle en abundancia la luz y la fuerza de Cristo, en el signo externo sacramental de la confirmacion.

Sequiremos la próxima vez refiriéndonos a la sacramentalidad de los otros cinco momentos capitales de la vida, en su relación con el sacramento original.



CCD SERVICE — One of the recipients of awards for 10 or more years of service to CCD, Kenneth Finn of Escondido, receives his medal from Bishop Leo T. Maher at the Immaculata ceremony last Saturday. Watching is Father Jeremiah O'Sullivan, former director of CCD. Father Roger Lechner, diocesan vice-chancellor is in rear. (Story page 3) — SC photo

News in short . . .

LONDON — A dozen clergymen representing eight denominations — including Jesuit Archbishop Thomas D. Roberts, retired — demonstrated against the Vietnam war outside the U.S. Embassy here.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, 65, is retiring as pastor of National Presbyterian church, but continues as chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

BRUSSELS — For the first time Cardinal Leo Joseph Suenens, Primate of Belgium, addressed a Protestant meeting in his predominantly Catholic country.

CHICAGO — Regional meetings on U.S. bishops' anti-poverty Campaign for Human Development being held around country to prepare diocesan campaign directors for national fund drive November 19.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — The General Synod of the Anglican Church in New Zealand has approved the distribution of Communion to other Christians at Anglican services without special permission of the diocesan bishop.

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Pope to ad men: 'truthful or not?'

In VATICAN CITY, Pope Paul suggested that advertising people ask themselves whether their presentations are "truthful or not," and whether "they exploit the least noble instincts in men."

He cautioned them against putting their professional talents "at the service of costly and corrupting hedonism," and urged that advertisements conform to "good morals and the noble sense of life."

Court upholds Amish beliefs

In WASHINGTON, D.C., the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that forcing Amish parents to send their children to public school after the eighth grade violated their religious freedom.

The court said religious liberty takes precedence over state educational laws on school attendance. Amish believe that an eight-grade education is sufficient for their traditional simple, rural life.

Cardinal returns home to Zaire

In KINSHASA, Zaire, Cardinal Joseph Albert Malula was permitted by President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire to return home from Rome where he had gone after being evicted from his government-owned residence.

The permission apparently ends a four-month rift resulting from the cardinal's criticism of Mobutu's "African authenticity" campaign in the former Belgian Congo, which included replacing Christian names with African ones.

Brother 47 years, ordained deacon

In LAS VEGAS, Nev., Brother Joseph L. Drolet, 67, member of the Clerics of St. Viator since 1925, became the first religious Brother to be ordained a permanent deacon in the universal Church.

A high school teacher for 18 years, he was encouraged by Bishop Joseph Green of Reno to seek ordination after his religious congregation received special Vatican permission for him to become a deacon.

Movie appeal to Cannes festival

In GENEVA, the Swiss Catholic Society Pro Veritate (On Behalf of Truth) appealed to organizers of the Cannes (France) Film Festival not to promote obscene and violent movies.

The society called for "constructive" movies, in which "family life is exalted as the basis of society," and "dominion over instincts is shown to be desirable."

Ceylon pledges free religion

In COLUMBO, the new Republic of Sri Lanka, formerly Ceylon, pledged every citizen the "right to freedom of religion," but will "protect and foster" Buddhism in the country.

Buddhism is predominant in the republic with 66.7 per cent of the population. Hindus form 18.2 per cent, Christians 9.4 per cent and Muslims 5.6 per cent.

Schools adapt for inner city

In CAMDEN, N.J., a new Catholic school district was formed by seven parishes and an inner city community center to make parochial schools more responsive to inner city needs.

The plan involves five schools and includes a consolidation, formation of a junior high school, phasing out of seventh and eighth grades in some schools, and a possible common tuition.



GUESS WHO? – Evangelist Billy Graham is caught in silhouette as he opens his Alabama crusade in Legion Field, Birmingham. Dr. Graham spoke to a crowd of 43,000 on "God's Unchanging Message in a Revolutionary World."

Church 'supreme' over witchcraft

In AUCKLAND, New Zealand, the Catholic newspaper **Zealandia** reported that the first native Bishop of Papua-New Guinea has included symbols of a primitive sorcerer's trade in his coat-of-arms.

Bishop Vangeke, son and grandson of sorcerers, said he incorporated the symbols to acknowledge his background and to show the supremacy of Christianity over witchcraft.

Presbyterians ok liberal abortion

In DENVER, the United Presbyterian Church's governing General Assembly supported a woman's "full freedom of personal choice" whether to have an abortion.

The assembly withdrew the 3.1 million-denomination from 10-year-old talks on a possible merger with eight other Protestant Churches. It agreed to combine its monthly **Presbyterian Life** with the United Church of Christ's **Herald** magazine with separate editions.

Prelate protests Bernstein Mass

In CINCINNATI, Ohio, Archbishop Paul F. Leibold said he found Leonard Bernstein's "Mass" as "described in the libretto offensive, regardless of whatever other redeeming dramatic or musical features the work may possess."

"For me, and for most Catholics," said the prelate, "his handling of an element that is evidently taken from our most sacred act of worship is in extremely bad taste and offensive to what we hold in great reverence."

Pacifist faces back U.S. taxes

In NEW YORK, Dorothy Day, leading Catholic pacifist and social activist, has refused to pay $296,359 in back taxes assessed because as head of the Catholic Worker Movement she never filed for exemption as a non-profit, charitable agency.

Calling it "a matter of principle," she said that filing for tax-exempt status would put the workers' movement in the position of supporting the government's war effort.

Missions need all Catholics

In VATICAN CITY, Pope Paul reminded the world's Catholics that they are "duty-bound to cooperate for the missions, according to their abilities.

"Through Baptism every Christian has been incorporated into an essentially missionary Church," he said. While not every Catholic can devote his life to the missions, "all have a chance to offer prayers, sufferings, joys and pains."

Cardinal urges panel for peace

In NEW YORK, Cardinal Terence Cooke issued a pastoral letter calling for a national commission of scholars, scientists and men of other disciplines to "study and plan for the prevention of war."

While urging a peaceful solution to the Vietnam war, he said that "even before the current conflict is ended, let us face the problems of war itself and begin to develop an instrumentality to prevent future wars."

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Book reviews

SEPARATED BRETHREN by William J. Whalen. Huntington, Ind. Our Sunday Visitor Press. 302 pages. $5.95.

The ecumenical movement has grown strong in the last few years and it offers great potential. However, the efforts to reunite all Christians in Christ faces some formidable opposition.

William Whalen sensed this back in 1958 when the first edition of **Separated Brethren** appeared. Much opposition to Christian unity springs from a lack of knowledge.

This third edition is greatly expanded and includes chapters on the Jews, Buddhists and Muslims. Whalen manages to maintain great objectivity as he examines main line Protestant denominations and their American presence.

This survey of the American religious scene can be highly recommended.

THE MAN FOR THIS MOMENT by Father M. Raymond, OCSO. New York, Alba House. 345 pages, $6.95.

Cardinal Aloysius Stepinac was one of my heroes during my college days. When he was arrested on Sept. 18, 1946, I was ready to start a crusade for his release.

The veteran author, Father Raymond of the Trappist Abbey in Kentucky, has brought all of this back to life. Cardinal Stepinac deserves to be remembered for his courage and his faith.

In this popular biography the author tries to place the archbishop in his historical setting. Croatia knew dire poverty, but its people were fiercely independent.

Stepinac loved his people, his country and his Church. He fought Marshall Tito's rise to power with all that he could command.

In the end, it was not enough. Or was it? Perhaps the stirring memory of Cardinal Stepinac will give Croatia new hope in this moment of change.

UNIVERSE 2 edited by Terry Carr. New York, Ace Books. 225 pages, 95 cents.

Thirteen master short story tellers present original science fiction. There's a big city in a new Ice Age, time travelers and a whole assortment of alien beings.

The stories vary from the serious to the comic. Recommended for leisure reading, if you like this genre.

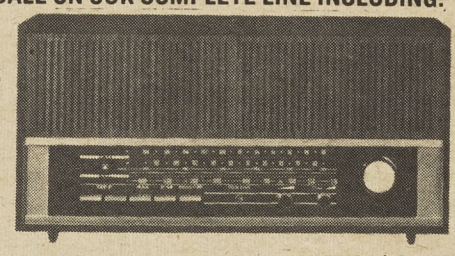
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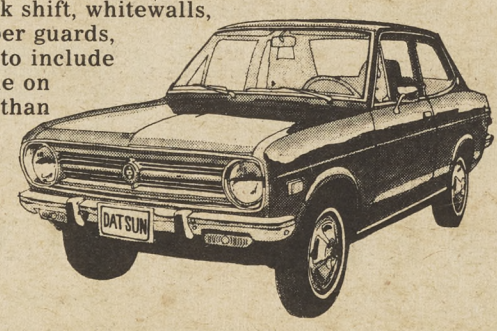
San Diego Chevy dealers quoted an average Vega price of $2404.39*

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